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8. [] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that he had received a call from a newspaper requesting the amount of back pay and other entitlements that would be coming to []. After checking with John Warner, OGC, and Angus Thuermer, Assistant to the Director, I told Preston that back pay and general questions from the press media are being referred to the [] as matters relating to [] personal affairs. Preston told me that he will be involved in reprogramming hearings through this week and most of next and will not be able to schedule a meeting with me and [] IC, on intelligence community matters before the end of next week at the earliest. He will have to await until that time also to schedule the briefing he has requested at Headquarters on the CIA budget. [] has been advised.

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I brought Preston up-to-date on the Director's meeting with the joint Senate CIA subcommittees on Chile. Preston asked that I keep him up-to-date so that Chairman Mahon will not be caught out on any inadvertent or other publicity that might arise from these meetings.

I briefed Preston on the Syrian acquisition of the Soviet FROG-7; Soviet SS-X-17 ICBM test; and the 10 February interception of an opium shipment from Afghanistan to Iran.

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9. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed the proposed briefing for himself and Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, that had been requested on CIA methodology in OB and other statistical analyses. Slatinshek asked that I contact Chairman Nedzi and arrange for the briefing directly with him. I briefed Slatinshek on the Director's appearance before the joint CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Appropriations. Slatinshek had no comment.

I also briefed Slatinshek on the Syrian acquisition of the Soviet FROG-7; Soviet SS-X-17 ICBM test; and the 10 February interception of an opium shipment from Afghanistan to Iran.

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10. [] Talked to Fred Ladd, State Department (632-2478), who is handling the staff arrangements for briefings for Jim Lowenstein and Dick Moose, on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on U.S. Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad. A tentative date was set for an Agency briefing here at Headquarters at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, 21 March. [] C/FE, has been advised.

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